

Announcements

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery Journals

Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Editors Dr Harvey Pass and Dr Todd Rosengart would like to call your attention to several articles of interest in the next issue of the journal. "Discussions in Cardiothoracic Treatment and Care" features a roundtable on "TAVR" moderated by Dr Craig Smith with expert discussants Drs Vinod

Thourani, Michael Reardon, Charanjit Rihal, and Neil Moat debating the merits and pitfalls of TAVR and the future of cardiac intervention. The Editors also want to emphasize the "News and Views" article by Dr Bruce Ferguson on "The Affordable Care Act: Implications for Cardiac Surgery." Dr Ferguson explains the "ObamaCare" Act and its impact on the specialty—an important read for any cardiothoracic surgeon. The last highlighted article is a "Current Readings" contribution written by Dr William Rom from New York University on the most recent studies on blood-based biomarkers for diagnosing lung cancer.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

WTSA 40th Annual Meeting

June 25-28, 2014

The St. Regis Monarch Beach

Dana Point, California

Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org and:

- View the scientific and social programs;
- Register before the Monday, May 19, 2014, Early Bird deadline, and avoid a \$100 increase in most registration fees;
- Reserve your hotel room before the Saturday, May 24, 2014, housing deadline (although it is possible the block of rooms—or specific room types—set aside for the Western will fill before this cut-off date, so you are strongly encouraged to **make your hotel reservations as soon as possible**); and
- Get complete details on venue activities and local attractions.

SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Presidential Address

Thomas A. Burdon, Stanford, California

Friday, June 27, 2014

Postgraduate Course

Dave Williams, Newmarket, Ontario

Saturday, June 28, 2014

C. Walton Lillehei Point/Counterpoint Session

Pay-for-Performance vs Criteria-Based Systems in the US and Canada

US: Jeffrey B. Rich, Norfolk, Virginia

Canada: Alan H. Menkis, Winnipeg, Manitoba

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Each registration *includes* access to Wednesday's **New Members/Welcome Reception**, Thursday's **Samson Fun**

Run and So-Cal Vintage Beach Party Theme Dinner, and Saturday's **Family Luncheon** and **President's Banquet**. (Registered children, ages 5-18, have access to supervised **Children's Receptions** during the New Members/Welcome Reception and President's Banquet.)

You may also *supplement* your Annual Meeting experience with these events:

- Thursday's **Optional Tours***
- Friday's **Golf Tournament***
- Friday's **Tennis Tournament***

*Separate Registration Required

ACCREDITATION

This activity is being planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) and the Western Thoracic Surgical Association (WTSA). The AATS is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This live activity will be designated for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Applications for Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

Active Member

\$325.00 annually, plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to: